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**From:** Phil Mitchell [pmitchell@flathead.mt.gov]  
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**To:** 'Anna Stene' [Personal Matters / Ex. 6]; mgreen@anngreencommunications.com  
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**Subject:** RE: Follow up to Senator Daines Round Table

I will stick with my comment of Calbay----- does not have a good reputation. This was not said lightly by me. Thanks for the write-up on meeting with Mr. Daines. Phil Mitchell, Flathead County Commissioner.  
Let's see what the Thanksgiving season brings to CF on a SIGNED agreement!!

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**From:** Anna Stene [Personal Matters / Ex. 6]  
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**Subject:** Fwd: Follow up to Senator Daines Round Table

Dear Ms Green,

Please see below for an email that is a follow up to some questions/issues that came up in our recent meeting with Senator Steve Daines.  
It is our hope that we can continue to gather good information and disburse it in the community, through your monthly meetings, and with the EPA communications.  
It was my hope to clear up some of the questions so as to not bog down your meeting on Thursday.  
Please feel free to call or email any questions.

Sincerely,  
Anna

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Begin forwarded message:

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Dear Mr. Schmauch,

I spoke with Mr Mike Cirian, Project Manager with the EPA, at the CFAC site in Columbia Falls about some of our questions last week.

I am following up with the community leaders in hopes that we can all be on the same page in a fluid environment as the AOC moves forward.

I am sending you an email correspondence that Mr Cirian sent to me clarifying a couple of things:

"You are correct we are in negotiations with CFAC in regards to the Administrative Order of Consent (AOC) and to move forward with the review CFAC's contractors proposed work plan for the Remedial Investigation/ Feasibility Study (RI/FS). That continues to move in a positive direction. Once we have a signed an agreement, we will continue to move forward with physical work and document review, interviews and so on.

The work plan review is in progress but it is a rather large document and I am getting some assistance with that review as well so we can be sure Columbia Falls is getting a good product.

The 4 year schedule is not uncommon for this type of work, but we will have a better handle on this once we get into the work plan procedures. At this stage most of the work is for site characterization and which will help guide us to the actual physical work that will be considered a remedy."

I also spoke with Mr Cirian about utilizing past employees to identify areas of concern and mapping.

As I understand it, the EPA will be in contact with said relevant employees once the Agreement of Consent (AOC) is complete. Once they go through the AOC process, which delineates clean up standards and fiscal assurances, they can then move to the next stage of investigation. We need to give them time to complete this important agreement.

As I understand it, if they can complete an AOC, it will accomplish everything that a "Superfund Site" would, without the designation. So far, talks are making progress and it is a priority to allow this to happen.

Senator Daines interest in this matter and the fact that he took time to hear from all of us is highly regarded. He seemed to be receptive to the needs and wants of Columbia Falls citizens, community leaders, and economic stakeholders, while taking a long view of impact of the job not getting done, and of the eventual use of the CFAC campus.

I did a little digging on Calbag as a company, as it was brought up that they were not a company of high repute. As I understand it, they were hired by CFAC/Glencore but must adhere to Montana state standards for

decommissioning. I did not find reviews of the company that should raise alarm. While we want to highest quality of standards and practices applied to this process, it is also equally important that the public have good information and are confident in the process. Any discourse or concern needs to be verified before being shared publicly or privately, in order to give the public reputable information.

Any further testing will be defined in the AOC, if it is successful. We must give the EPA and CFAC time to complete this important stage of the process. Should it be dragging past Thanksgiving, we can inquire with each agency to determine if the process has stalled.

It is, again, a priority that good information be disbursed to the public, that they feel involved, and that they have access.

We are hopeful that cleanup will happen in a timely manner. A completed AOC accomplishes the cleanup without the designated Superfund Site concerns. But should an AOC fail, we would like to see support from your office as well as Governor Bullock, and Senator Tester's offices, to put pressure on Glencore to remediate in a timely fashion.

Columbia Falls history of industry and tourism tells a story of the Montana experience that is unique. We want to be defined by what we do, not by what does not get done.

Please feel free to call or email any questions or concerns.

The EPA communications lead is in contact with Anna Green Communications, and they will be working together to disburse information to the public.

Sincerely,

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